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**Medical Direction and Practices Board
 December 19, 2018
 Minutes**

Members Present – Dr. Pieh, Dr. Ritter, Dr. Bohanske, Dr. Nash, Dr. Collamore, Dr. Kendall, Dr. Tilney, Dr. Opacic, Dr. Saquet, Dr. Sholl, Dr. Zimmerman

Members Absent – None

Staff – Director St. Germain, Marc Minkler, Don Sheets

Stakeholders – Joanne Lebrun, Dr. Goth, Chip Getchell, Rick Petrie, Nathan Yerxa, Ben Zetterman, Jay Bradshaw, Butch Russell, Justin Grant, Paul Landry, Stephen Smith, Dr. Dinerman

MDPB Agenda – Meeting begins at 0930

- 1) Introductions –Sholl – 0930 - 0935
- 2) November 2018 MDPB Minutes – Zimmerman/Sholl – 0935-0940
 - a. Dr. Ritter, Dr. Collamore Unanimous
- 3) State Update – St. Germain 0940 – 0955
 - a. Medical Director’s Resources – No new news
 - b. Heart Rescue/RA – Our last meeting was canceled due to weather. There has been some work going on with our new England partners about putting together a State of the Science meeting rolled in with an instructor course.
 - c. EMS-C – Marc continues to work on the development of the advisory committee. There is still a search for a pediatric medical director and a second physician rep. End of the year report for HRSA was submitted.
 - d. Evidentiary Blood Draw Update – Shaun is working with the command staff of SP and DPS to update the information provided to services and providers. Dr. Zimmerman and Dr. Sholl have been involved in the conversations and are working with our new England partners and hospitals to investigate how they are doing this.
- 4) Special Circumstances Protocols – NONE
- 5) New Devices – NONE
- 6) UPDATE –Medication Shortages – Nash /Zimmerman/All – 0955 – 1005
 - a. Abbojects are still an issue – Sodium bicarb is short but everything else seems to be holding for now.
 - b. IM epinephrine in anaphylaxis – follow up – Nash/Ritter/Zimmerman/Sholl
 - i. Bound Tree has done a voluntary recall of the syringe but our dosing will not be changing
 - c. Liquid vs. chewable ASA
 - i. There are a few operational difficulties to this with dosing accuracy
 1. Consensus to stick with the tablets due to the issues.
 - a. Dr. Pieh Motioned Dr. Saquet second Unanimous
- 7) Follow Up - Discussion re: re-arrest in route to the hospital – Sholl/Zimmerman/All – 1005 – 1200

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- a. There has been some work going on in the background continued with MAA and MHA to try and support the system and hospitals to take patients from termination while en route to the hospital.
 - i. There are a lot of questions from hospitals about how to do this but have voiced support generally to work with EMS. They have asked for some time to work through this.
 - 1. Dr. Dinerman suggested that engaging with the hospital chaplains and clergy may help to support these ideas. Also, working with them to understand the resource allocation of accepting a body vs working an arrest in the ED and the disruption to patient care that causes.
- 8) 2019 Protocol Update – Zimmerman/ Sholl /All – 1020 - 1220
- a. Timeline review – Zimmerman/All – 1020-1030
 - b. Conference Call reviews – 1030 -1035
 - i. December conference call – review major themes that arose – Zimmerman
 - c. Protocol TO DO List/:
 - i. Yellow Section Review – Collamore/Zimmerman/All
 - 1. Cyanide CO Exposure – CPAP for CO exposure – This is not widely studied but there are some case studies.
 - a. Dr. Pieh motioned to hold until there is more data Dr. Saquet seconds
 - i. Dr. Ritter mentioned that there likely is not to be data Motion Fails as there was 5-5-1
 - ii. Dr. Bohanske motions Consider CPAP with consultation of OLMC and consideration of mental status Dr. Sholl Seconds. 10-0-1
 - b. Dr. Sholl and Dr. Zimmerman will reach out to toxicology about the benefits of Rad57
 - 2. Drowning/Submersion Injuries
 - a. Consider ABC for resuscitation rather than CAB in standard resuscitation – consensus to use whatever language AHA currently uses.
 - b. Consider moving to Green
 - 3. Restraints
 - a. Edit to #6 to split it into two pieces.
 - b. Edit number 8 to specify handcuffs
 - c. Double check language around authorization as physician extenders to apply restraints and ensure we have documentation covered.
 - 4. Depression/Suicidal Ideation
 - a. There was discussion about the difference of SADPERSON vs the Columbia model
 - b. Is there any benefit to going to some hospitals over others? Consensus is that our hospital system can't currently flex to this option.
 - c. Put in the scale and questions and utilize them as tools
 - d. Dr. Dinerman recommended a physician from Acadia who has a vested interest in Suicide prevention and EMS who may be able to give us insight.
 - ii. Discussion – Blue Section materials from Education committee – All

1. Don presented that material the Education Committee worked on led by Joanne Lebrun. Dr. Bohanske asked that there be some additional language about common issues and troubleshooting VL scopes. The group felt this could be added offline with Dr. Bohankse and Dr. Sholl reviewing. Dr. Sholl Dr. Bohanske and Don will meet to do a final review of all materials including the white paper and will begin to distribute.
 - iii. ? Green Section – Pieh/Sholl/All
- 9) Discussion – Feb 2019 and April 2019 MDPB meetings – results of poll – Zimmerman/All – 1200 – 1210
 - a. Feb will maintain the set day, April will meet with Education.
 - i. Dr. Pieh motioned Dr. Zimmerman seconds unanimous
- 10) Medical ID's – required elements or specific vendor? – Leo/All – 1210 – 1215
 - a. There is a significant cost with the currently approved device that is inhibiting folks from using this.
 - i. Don will work with Alan to create a criteria list to present to the group in January.
- 11) QI Committee and MDPB Representative – Zimmerman/Sholl – All – 1215 – 1220

Old Business 1220 -1230

- 1) **Ops** – Has been discussing the requirement to leave run reports at the hospital and are looking to work with services to understand the issues they currently face.
- 2) **Education** – We've been working on airway and PIFT education and are going to start working on the protocol education
- 3) **QI** – Will be reviewing some new work today and are trying to reinvigorate the committee.
- 4) **Community Paramedicine** – No meeting due to weather

QI Committee – Will meet at 1330 - To review current QI Markers and draft QI newsletter

Dr. Nash, Dr. Zimmerman adjourned 1230